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Identical letters dated 3 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you of the storming of and attack against the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia on 2 January 2016 in Tehran. While the Embassy's premises were violated, ransacked and set on fire, the Iranian authorities failed to fulfil their duties to provide adequate protection. A similar attack took place during the same day against the Consulate of Saudi Arabia in Mashhad, Iran. Once more, the Iranian authorities were idle and failed to fulfil their obligations, under international law, to prevent the attacks.

The Government of Saudi Arabia condemns in the strongest terms all acts of violence against our diplomatic premises. Moreover, we are appalled at the failure of the Iranian authorities to respect the fundamental principle of the inviolability of diplomatic and consular premises, and the obligations of host Governments, including under the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, to take all appropriate steps to protect diplomatic and consular premises against any intrusions or damage.

We call upon the Security Council to take all appropriate measures to ensure the inviolability of diplomatic facilities and the protection of all Saudi diplomats in Iran.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34 (a), and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Abdallah Y. **Al-Mouallimi**
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